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Della Matthis (della_matthis@eed.state.ak.us) writes:

As the E-Rate Coordinator for the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development and the Alaska State Library, I work with not only the E-Rate applicants of our state, but the service providers as well. I am also a longtime and active member of the State E-Rate Coordinators' Alliance (SECA), a group which frequently interacts with the USAC Board of Directors.

In the past two years, I have several times had occasion to observe the work that James Jackson has done on the USAC board. He is obviously very involved with the duties he has accepted and shows by his comments and votes that he keeps up with the issues as they are presented. In a meeting this spring which was attended by SECA members as observers, several of the other state coordinators commented to me how impressed they were by his thoughtful input to the discussion and his obvious preparation for the meeting.

Mr. Jackson has shown himself to be aware of the enormous impact that E-Rate has had on the remote, rural and extremely small schools and libraries of our state and other Western states. He is always concerned with those entities who need representation to be sure that the program continues to function for their well-being. I have found him easy to approach and balanced in his discussion of E-Rate matters. He is an advocate for the program as well as an overseer.

I would like to recommend that you reappoint Mr. Jackson to the USAC Board of Directors for another term. As Regulatory Counsel for General Communications, Inc., a major telecommunications provider in our state, he provides an Alaskan voice that is valuable in the administration of this important resource for Alaskans.

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